

Request for Information (RFI) Questions and Responses

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- 1) **QUESTION:** The specifications request that the access control system connect into the existing campus system, what modifications will need to be provided to the server, storage, or software?

VA RESPONSE: Access control system to utilize a new local server, storage, and software within facility. Network connection for access to campus network and connection to be determined with campus IT department and campus security.

- 2) **QUESTION:** Can we schedule a site visit to the server / receiver location for the access control system?

VA RESPONSE: No additional pre-award site visits will be arranged

- 3) **QUESTION:** The specifications request that the fire alarm system connect into the existing campus system, what modifications will need to be provided to the server, storage, or software?

VA RESPONSE: No modifications to the currently installed Campus equipment are anticipated

- 4) **QUESTION:** Can we schedule a site visit to the server / receiver location for the fire alarm system?

VA RESPONSE: No additional pre-award site visits will be arranged.

- 5) **QUESTION:** The specifications request that the CCTV system connect into the existing campus system, what modifications will need to be provided to the server, storage, or software?

VA RESPONSE: CCTV system to utilize a new local server, storage, and software within facility. Network connection for access to campus security network and connection to be determined with campus IT department and campus security pending information from these departments. The campus wide security camera system is in development presently.

- 6) **QUESTION:** Can we schedule a site visit to the server / receiver location for the CCTV system?

VA RESPONSE: No additional pre-award site visits will be arranged.

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- 7) **QUESTION:** The drawings do not indicate any monitors for local viewing or control for the access control or CCTV Systems, is this correct? If so then the site visit requested is paramount to ensure we provide the correct modifications and material to accommodate the new devices proposed.

VA RESPONSE: Drawing notes indicate coordination with the Architect and Security office on security room layout. Specifications call for the following monitors:

- a. Provide and install a minimum of three 20" -26" LED display monitors, in building 1st floor security office. Coordinate with Security Office for placement location.
 - b. Provide console/desk and chair with server shelf/rack for Basement Comm/It Room. Coordinate dimensions with final room layout. Provide 20"-26" desk monitor for system operation.
- 8) **QUESTION:** The paging system shown on drawings appears to be a local system only. Is this correct, if not where and what campus system do we connect to and how will it operate?

VA RESPONSE: Paging system is for local facility use only. System should have an input for future campus feed.

- 9) **QUESTION:** Will the VA provide the existing database for the Fire Alarm System currently installed on the campus?

VA RESPONSE: Information will be provided by the VA to the successful bidder.

- 10) **QUESTION:** Fiber Optic Modems are specified but quantity and type are not indicated on drawings. How many are required? What type is required? Where will the receivers be installed? Can we visit this building?

VA RESPONSE: Fiber modems to be provided for the phone/internet service, the access control system, and the CCTV system. Final specifications for these modems will have to be verified with the VA's IT/Communications staff as some of these systems are presently in development. A fiber modem for the fire alarm system is currently installed and will remain

- 11) **QUESTION:** Has the VA procured the CCTV Licensing for the site?

VA RESPONSE: CCTV system will require site licensing for this facility

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12) **QUESTION:** If we are using an IP / Digital solution for the Video then why the analog decoders?

VA RESPONSE: Analog decoders may be required for local monitor connectivity in this facility and may be required for the Campus Security Office pending information from this department.

13) **QUESTION:** Are there any devices for specification 28 26 00 Electronic Personnel Protection System? If so where are they? The small quantity of panic / duress buttons can integrate with the access control system, would that be acceptable? I do not see any icons indicating anything but panic buttons what is the symbol for intercom? Emergency phone? Annunciator?

VA RESPONSE: The panic buttons (3) connect directly to the Campus Security Office system located in Building 236 (VA Police Building). No intercom or emergency phone is part of the panic button system.

14) **QUESTION:** Please provide details for Stair # 6 including retaining wall. (New exit from basement thru tunnel wall)

VA RESPONSE: Basement access stair will be detailed similar to Stair #5 exiting Electrical Room from Basement. Standard retaining wall details are shown in Drawing #7, Sheet SF531. Typical exterior concrete stair is shown on Drawing #3, L-1.03. Guardrail at top of retaining wall and handrails at stair to match to those shown on Stair #5 Drawings-- #1, 2, & 3 on Sheet AE415.

15) **QUESTION:** Is the existing steam system connected to the other buildings, If yes do we cap

VA RESPONSE: The steam system serves multiple buildings, however this pipe is a branch to this building which is dedicated to this building. Therefore, no capping to other buildings is required.

16) **QUESTION:** Is all the debris throughout the rooms inside the building to be removed as part of the demo?

VA RESPONSE: The VA will schedule a walk through before demolition begins to remove any items they will salvage. All other trash, equipment, furniture etc, shall be removed and disposed of by the Contractor"

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17)**QUESTION:** RFC plans show wood ceiling at louver/ dormers (keynote detail). Architectural plans show galvanized sheet metal ceiling, Please advise.

VA RESPONSE: The detail is correct- the dormer is framed with wood, but it is lined with galvanized metal where it is an extension of the duct system.

18)**QUESTION:** Demo drawings tell us to take out the loading dock slab on south side.

VA RESPONSE: Correct- the entire south portion of the dock is to be removed

19)**QUESTION:** Structural drawings tell us to demo out the loading dock on the west side.

VA RESPONSE: The Structural drawings note that the entire loading dock is to be modified and refer to the Architectural drawings for the scope. The architectural drawings show the dock to be removed. The entire dock slab is to be removed, only a portion of the dock front wall and footing is to remain along line "L" for the new lower dock on the west side.

20)**QUESTION:** Structural drawings tell us that the loading dock on the south side is to be "modified".

VA RESPONSE: See response above

21)**QUESTION:** Architectural drawings show a new planting area and ramp with a retaining wall on the south side.

VA RESPONSE: Correct. A new ramp and planter will be in place of the demolished loading dock.

22)**QUESTION:** Structural drawings say demo existing loading dock and saw cut retaining wall.

VA RESPONSE: Correct- the slab portion of the existing loading dock will be removed and the front wall partially removed to allow for a new lower dock slab.

23)**QUESTION:** Demo drawings show existing loading dock on west side to remain.

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VA RESPONSE: The whole dock is shown in dashed line and the note to remove the existing dock refers to the whole dock. The portion of wall/footing shown in the structural detail is the only part to remain

24)**QUESTION:** On north side of loading dock Architectural drawings show a planting area and a retaining wall.

VA RESPONSE: Retaining wall is mis-identified on Architectural drawings, it is only a curb.

25)**QUESTION:** Structural drawings do not show retaining wall.

VA RESPONSE: Correct- no retaining wall here.

26)**QUESTION:** Civil drawings show a concrete curb on north side of loading dock.

VA RESPONSE: Correct. It will just be a curb

27)**QUESTION:** Architectural drawings show concrete stairs down from loading, structural drawings don't show any stair details.

VA RESPONSE: Typical site concrete stairs shown on Landscape drawings- see Detail #3, Sheet L-1.03.

28)**QUESTION:** After lowering the loading dock slab, the canopy supports will be too short, also no slab connections are shown.

VA RESPONSE: Provide new steel pipe supports to match existing. See Detail #5, Sheet SF502 for typical steel column base detail.

29)**QUESTION:** What happens to the building finish after removal of loading dock on south side.

VA RESPONSE: Sheet note on Exterior Elevation states that exterior of building is to be repainted after all required exterior plaster repair or patching has taken place. If damaged or missing plaster is uncovered after removal of the dock, it is to be repaired. The dock portion being removed was not original to the building. Uncovered portions of the wall that will be behind the new planter soil should be waterproofed. There are no screed on the building, it is cement plaster directly applied over poured concrete walls.

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30)**QUESTION::** Architectural plans and finish plans show a ramp and handrails at the corridor leading to the tunnel (T1) entrance.

This is not existing and no details are shown. Please clarify

VA RESPONSE:: Per the original construction drawings there is a gradual ramp of approximately 7 ½" in height in the corridor leading to the Tunnel connecting to Building 208. The ramp is to remain in the corridor. New steel pipe railings are to be added per drawings AE120C and specification section. If the ramp does not exist, the railings can be omitted.

31)**QUESTION:** At southwest corner of building, civil plans say demo and remove retaining wall and backfill. Should we install waterproofing and weep screed at this area.

VA RESPONSE: All portions of the building that are currently or will be below grade will be waterproofed per the Exterior Elevation drawings. No weep screed is required since there is no drainage plane between the exterior cement plaster and the concrete structure, but refer to Sheet AE501 for typical waterproofing termination details at grade.

32)**QUESTION:** Architectural drawings AE 120A show a raised pad for the condensing units to sit on.

Architectural drawings AE 120D indicate condensing units, do these units also sit on a raised pad. Please provide details.

VA RESPONSE: Correct, the units located at the Northeast courtyard shown on Sheet AE120D will also sit on a pad. The typical pad detail is Detail #12, Sheet S-501. The mechanical units are shown on sheet MH100D. The final pad size should be coordinated with the final unit selections, but the pad will be approx. 18' long by 2'-6" wide based on unit quantity and basis-of-design units.

33)**QUESTION:** Architectural drawings AF601 for room 134 Main Lobby. Remarks Column states "wood stair treads".

AE530 details 5, 10 & 11 all show concrete filled steel pan with Terrazzo Finish (Ter-1).

Please advise.

Does this stair #1 get 2" wide safety strip w/ contrasting color on all treads

VA RESPONSE: Follow detail on Sheet AE530- stair to have Terrazzo Finish. Interior stairs only have contrast strips at top and bottom steps, as shown in the Details #5 and #11 on Sheet AE530.

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34)**QUESTION:** There are no Structural details for Stair #5 and Stair #6.
Please supply details.

VA RESPONSE: Stair #5 and #6 are both exterior concrete stairs on grade.
Typical detail for concrete stairs on grade is shown on Detail #3, Sheet L-1.03.
For typical retaining wall construction details see Detail #7, Sheet SF531.

35)**QUESTION:** AE131A RFC Plan shows "AT-2" at ceiling.
AF601 Room Finish for Room 116 ceiling shows "Exposed/ Painted Gyp".
Please advise.

VA RESPONSE: The Reflected Ceiling Plan, AE 131C is correct, the ceiling in
Multi-Purpose Room is composed of "floating" sections of type "AT-2" Acoustic
Tile Ceiling with exposed ceiling at perimeters.

36)**QUESTION:** L-1.01 Reference notes for A-104 states finish as Cast in Place 12"
columns.
3/L-1.04 states Pre-Cast Concrete Columns 12" round.
Also what is the finish texture (smooth or fluted etc.)
Please advise.

VA RESPONSE: L-1.01 is Correct- Columns to be cast-in-place. Finish to be
smooth.

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